MCLAREN PARK

VISIONING

NOVEMBER 2017
McLaren Park Goals

McLaren Park received $10 million from the 2012 San Francisco Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond to spend on improvements across the park.

2016
- July 23: McLaren Park Treasure Hunt
- October 1: Community Meeting #1
- December 16: Sunnydale Residents Meeting

2017
- April 1: Courts Workshop
- March 2: Sunnydale Residents Meeting
- February 25: Trails Workshop #1
- February 6: Vista Walk
- February 4: Community Meeting #2
- May 8: Trails Workshop #2
- May 6: Group Picnic + Play Workshop #1
- May 23: Roadway Workshop
- June 3: Group Picnic + Play Workshop #2
- June 8: Sunnydale Residents Meeting

Summer
- June 23: Summer Focus Group Meetings
- June 22: Jerry Garcia Amphitheater Focus Area
- June 8: Portola Neighborhood Association
- Trails Workshop #3

September 9: Vis Valley Planning Alliance
- October 17: Final Community Meeting
- November 1: Rec + Park Commission Capital Committee

Next Steps: Detailed Planning for Funded Projects
McLAREN PARK GOALS

TREASURE HUNT & FUN DAY

Over 250 visitors joined from 22 different neighborhoods

With your help, we found that McLaren Park is a place for recreation, fun, & wildlife that needs improvements for current and future visitors

Over 150 people attended...
Here are a few comments we heard about the park's identity:
- a valuable natural resource for the city
- art or special nooks make it magical
- I love the secret paths of the park!
- Keep it wild, but SAFE!
- unique wild escape from the city
- Wild!

COMMUNITY MEETING

83% of participants preferred McLaren Park to be the same or more wild 56% of participants preferred the park to be split between neighborhood & city uses

Participants voted on their top three identities for McLaren Park...

24% immersive wild (natural landscape) 19% panoramic views 19% diverse play
McLAREN PARK GOALS

PRINCIPLES + OBJECTIVES:

1. Enhance community access into + through the park.
3. Enhance panoramic views.
4. Create + build diverse play opportunities.

GOALS:

1. Engage the community to develop an identity for McLaren Park.
2. Build a community-supported vision.
4. Invest the 2012 bond in priority projects that support a shared vision.

COMMUNITY PRIORITY PROJECTS:

1. COURTS + GATEWAY ENHANCEMENTS
   A. Mansell East Entrance
   B. Oxford Street
   C. Crocker-Amazon
   D. Louis Sutter

2. CONNECTIVITY
   A. Trail + Paths Priority Projects
   B. Signage + Wayfinding
   C. Safe Streets

3. POINTS OF INTEREST
   A. Group Picnic
   B. Jerry Garcia Amphitheater
   C. Bike Park
   D. Community Garden
McLAREN PARK CONNECTIVITY
TRAILS + PATHS PRIORITY PROJECTS

1 UPPER RESERVOIR
- Replace asphalt with wood steps with a sustainable multi-use trail approach to reservoir
- Add crosswalk at Shelley
- Mitigate drainage problems

2 SHEELLEY LOOP INTERIOR
- Clarify trail alignments
- Repair trail surface erosion damage
- Improve drainage to minimize future erosion
- Remove trails impacting the creek
- Consolidate trails to increase connectivity
- Habitat restoration planting

3 CONNECTION BETWEEN LOUIS SUTTER + MANSELL COURTS
- Reconfigure route to more sustainable multi-use trail
- Repair or eliminate asphalt paths
- Consolidate & route trails to reduce erosion
- Maintain or improve the integrity of the grasslands

4 VISITACION AVE CORRIDOR
- Add sidewalk from Park Entry to Middle School
- Add sidewalk along east side of the road
- Add multi-use trail from Park Entry to Middle School
- Stabilize trail surface (dandy) area
- Crosswalk from the Middle School to fire road提议: entry
- Habitat restoration planting
McLAREN PARK CONNECTIVITY
SAFE STREETS

NEAR TERM IMPROVEMENTS:
- SPEED HUMPS ON SHELLEY DRIVE (2017)
- IMPROVE CROSSINGS (SPEED TABLES OR RAISED CROSSEWALKS)

MEDIUM TO LONG TERM IMPROVEMENTS:
- EXAMINE POSSIBLE TRAFFIC CLOSURE OF PART OF SHEELY
- MAKE CROSSINGS SLOWER THROUGHOUT THE PARK
- SLOW SPEEDS ON ALL PARK ROADS, ESPECIALLY AT CROSSINGS
- EXAMINE WAYS OF IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS ALONG ROADS/WAYS

SHELLEY DRIVE

SPEED HUMP WITH ADVANCED WARNING STRIPES

RAISED CROSSEWALK SPEED HUMP & CROSSEWALK EXAMPLE

SHELLEY DRIVE SPEED TABLE RENDERING

INTERSECTION CALMING: CAMBRIDGE + SHELLEY

VISITACION AVENUE CONNECTOR

STREET ANALYSIS

TRAIL UPGRADES

- UPGRADE EXISTING TRAIL TO MULTI-USE PATH FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS
- INSTALL DURABLE NATURAL SURFACE (E.G. PARK TREAD)

TRAILHEAD CROSSINGS

- NEW CROSSWALK TO IMPROVE SAFETY + ACCESS
- PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND
- RAPID FLASHING BEACONS (SOLAR-POWERED)
McLAREN PARK GATEWAYS

OXFORD STREET GATEWAY
- Improve gateway experience from Oxford + Bacon
- Improve picnic + seating around Yosemite Marsh
- Coordinate Fuchs Yosemite Creek Daylight Project
- Clarify circulation + access

LOUIS SUTTER GATEWAY
- Incorporate primary route into Park
- Coordinate Yosemite Creek Daylight Project
- Improve basketball court + explore addition of multi-use court
- Provide buffer from parking lots
- Improve planting + path experience around lake

PERU GATEWAY

PERSIA GATEWAY

CROCKER-AMAZON GATEWAY
- Improve design
- Create entry plaza
- Improve site circulation
- Improve multi-use courts

MANSELL EAST GATEWAY
- Provide tai chi plaza
- Improve circulation + arrival experience into Park
- Improve picnic areas
- Provide central lawn
- Collect stormwater runoff into stormwater treatment garden

HERZ GATEWAY
- Improve access from corner of Marr + Sunnyvale
- Incorporate hoopers improvements
- Incorporate primary loop route throughout Park
- Improve gateway, pedestrian + cyclist safety at Visitation Ave + Marr
- Reenvision as part of future Herz playgroundlet's play as improvements
McLAREN PARK GATEWAYS
CROCKER AMAZON - 4 ACRES (WITHOUT FIELDS)

LEGEND
1. (S) PARKING
2. (S) PLAYGROUND
3. (S) STRUCTURE
4. (N) ENTRY PLAZA WITH SIGNAGE + WAY FINDING
5. (N) TREE
6. (E) COURTS
7. (E) BASKETBALL COURTS WITH (K) FENCE
8. (E) RESURFACED MULTI USE COURTS, WITH (K) CURBIS + FENCES
9. (N) ENTRY PLAZA
10. (E) TENNIS COURTS
11. (E) PLAYGROUND
12. (N) IMPROVED USER EXPERIENCE ALONG GENEVA, WALKWAY REALIGN, ADDITIONAL PLANTING + ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT
13. (E) FENCE
14. (E) TREE CANOPY, TYPICAL
15. (E) SOCCER FIELDS
16. (E) BASEBALL FIELDS
17. (E) STADIUM SEATING

EXISTING
McLAREN PARK GATEWAYS
OXFORD STREET - 2 ACRES

LEGEND
1. (N) CROSSWALK
2. (F) SIGNSAGE WITH NEW PLANTING
3. (E) PATHWAY
4. (G) SIDEWALK
5. (H) BRIDGE
6. (K) YOSEMITE CREEK ALIGNMENT PER PUC DESIGN
7. (M) NATIVE RIPARIAN EDGE PER PUC DESIGN
8. (O) PATHWAY
9. (P) BATHROOM
10. (Q) STEPS SEATING
11. (N) RESURFACED + EXPANDED BASKETBALL COURT WITH (O) FENCE
12. (R) NATIVE SCRUB PLANTED SLOPE
13. (S) LAWN & PICNIC AREA
14. (T) TREE CANOPY, TYPICAL
15. (U) BRIDGE
16. (V) STORMWATER CATCHMENT

EXISTING
McLaren Park Points of Interest

McLaren Park John F Shelley Group Picnic Area

Existing Aerial View

- Planter to be removed
- Sand pit to be removed
- Group picnic wall to be cut back
- Eucalyptus tree to remain
- Bollards to be removed
- Play area turtles to be relocated, sand area to be removed

Proposed Aerial View

- Group Picnic A
- Group Picnic B
- Redwood Grove
- Lawn
- Potential public restroom (future phase)
- Universal loading zone
- Potential crosswalk (future phase)
- Stormwater entry garden
REVENUE CONTROL
500-1,000 PEOPLE

IMPROVEMENT 2
~$600,000
MARKERS FOR TEMPORARY FENCING AT HILLSIDE
HR SIDE ACCESS PATH

IMPROVEMENT 1
~$1,000,000
REROUTE PATH
EXTEND RETAINING WALL AND RETAINING FOR DRAINAGE

IMPROVEMENT 3
~$500,000
INTRODUCE SEAT NUMBERING AT AMPHITHEATER SEATS
IMPROVE UPPER LAWN AREA
ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE/ENTRY IDENTIFIER

OPTION 2 CONTINUES
PATH TO REROUTE NON-TICKETHOLDERS AROUND SITE

 Movement of existing asphalt to reduce effect of additional signage of entry identity.

OPTION 2 CONTINUES
ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE/ENTRY IDENTIFIER

FOOD TRUCK PATIO + PAINTED GROUND SURFACE
SEAT NUMBERING; IMPROVED LAWN AREA
POTENTIAL MODIFICATIONS OF TEMPORARY FENCING MATERIAL
CREEK BRIDGE
NEW SIGNAGE
McLAREN PARK POINTS OF INTEREST
McLAREN COMMUNITY GARDEN

**Project Scope:**
- Garden Storage Units
- Chain Link Gate to Future Trail
- Raised Planter Boxes
- Retaining Wall
- Chain Link Fence

**If Funding Available:**
- Round Picnic Table
- Greenhouse
- Gazebo
- Bench
- Landscaping/Vegetation
- Additional Raised Planter Boxes
- Potting Table
My name is: Jeff Barney

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My additional comments are:

Continue to keep the trail network so that it is usable for bikes and pedestrians. It is not necessary for bikes and it should be fine which would open up more of the park.

My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Amphitheater Improvements #1
2. Amphitheater Improvements #3 Modified to Include Shade, Security & Equipment to Protect
3. Improvement #2 is needed. It could be a lower priority.

My additional comments are:

The garden in this valley is important to finish. If some money can be found to finish it, I would support that.
My name is: Ren

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1. [Handwritten]:

2. [Handwritten]:

3. [Handwritten]:

My additional comments are:

- Please make sure we get the curb ramps for Shelley Drive. $200k = 4 ramps.

- $ for trash plan.

My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. [Handwritten]: Jerry Garcia Amphitheater, esp. improvement #1

2. [Handwritten]: John F. Shelley, George Picnic Area, embankment slide s/b as long as possible.

3. [Handwritten]: Crosswalks & speed tables.

My additional comments are:

- Re Philosopher's Way - I would prefer that the trails remain as narrow trails. The Philosopher's Way trails are my favorite part of McLaren Park. When I encounter bikes, I just stop aside and let them pass. Keep horses of the Philosopher's Way.

- Spend some of the Natural Area's money to add trash cans so the natural areas can be kept cleaner.
My name is: Judy Bace

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My name is: Leyla

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Please preserve sand play.

You should not eliminate sand play.
My favorite parts of the plan include:

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2. 
3. 

My additional comments are: Not at all interested in segregating or barricading the Amphitheater or using it for any profit-making or fundraising event. It is part of a public park and should remain accessible & open to all passers-by. If the plan is going to do anything, it should be the very last $ spent. Don't privatize any more of recreation park.
My name is: 

Mrs. Smith

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My name is: 

Roland Abellan

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My additional comments are: I think you should put flyer out within the Sunnydale/brick homes/little village go door to door have people go into the neighborhood to inform people about events.

My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. **COMMUNITY GARDEN**
2. **BIKE PARK**
3. **TRAIL/INTERCONNECTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE PARK**

My additional comments are:

This is my first time participating in these workshops. What an eye opener! I came here to hear more about the bike park, but I ended up being an advocate for the community garden. We need that garden. We need a place to connect with our neighbors.
My name is: Esmeralda Nava 415-415-2804 ibarra_family@hotmail.com

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My name is: Mr. Shaun Smith Sr.

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My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. **From Legend #10 improved planting around the lake is great! I would also love to see better lighting + ongoing maintenance of dirty benches.**
2. #15 - MUST reinvent this boring playstructure my 9yr dd + 3yr old are not fans of neither am I.
3. This is John McLarans crown jewel so long as we can make it sparkle.

My additional comments are:

My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. **Completing all infrastructures for McLaren comm. garden**
2. **Biking area for Sunnydale Ave.**
3. **RollerBlade/Taichi plaza multi-centers**

My additional comments are: **Please think of the children & seniors who look for an outside source of recreation and relaxation in our community gardens within our Vis Valley community. I love the idea of the enclosed BMX bike!**
My name is: Michael

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My name is: Marissa - Parks Alliance

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My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. The improvement of state facilities
2. _________________________________
3. _________________________________

My additional comments are:

Ensure that user goals — challenge, engagement with nature, etc. is maintained. Trails are narrow, etc.

My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Natural Play area (playground)
2. Improving trails + gateways
3. _________________________________

My additional comments are:

Need more equal dist. of $\$$ between neighborhood access points + amenities. Be mindful of new cliff communities enter + encourage more connecting from neighbors who undervalue part blc of barriers (physical + cultural)
My name is: **Tom Hayden**

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My name is: **June Solomon**

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My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Integration with ypsorite Creek Daylighting
2. Group Picnic Play area plans
3. General: RPD's responsiveness to public input

My additional comments are:

I'd like to prioritize more money to Quiz Hall side, including expedited money to complete the community garden next. I recommend using $100,000 from the reserve fund of $600,000 and $100,000 from Amphitheater area 3. I also support cancelling Amphitheater area 2.

My favorite parts of the plan include:

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2. 
3. 

My additional comments are:

The Roller Soccer community would like to have a smooth, enclosed (fenced) area to play rollersoccer, so as to limit
My name is: Joe Lifelisher

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My name is: Toby Heavitt

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And both asked for shade. Put this on here instead.
My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Option 1 of JCA plan
2. Attempt to balance many divergent wants
3. 

My additional comments are:

Would prefer that for most of JCA Options 2/3 be reallocated to install security infrastructure (lights/cameras/silent alarms) and increase on-site storage (to replace temporary storage container used this year). Thanks.

My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. 
2. 
3. 

My additional comments are:

The majority of the Any funding ($500k improvement 2 + $500k improvement 3) is to support ticketed events (fence setup + seat #5). Ticketed events should pay for this ($500k fence + seat #5) out of ticket revenue. I went to a community meeting.
My name is:  
Carolyn Kincaid

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My name is:  
Phyllis Chu  eastwest2 me@sbeglobal.net

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My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Bathroom at group picnic area
2. Playground at group picnic area
3. Signage and Garbage remediation
4. Roadway improvements - maybe even some stop signs at busy crosswalks on Shelley

My additional comments are:

I would like to see more elements for imaginative play at the group picnic playground site. Specifically, it would be nice if there were some sort of wooden "structure" with 2 wheels (or 3) and a roof for kids to play inside. The current plan feels very sterile and geared toward gross motor play. "Back" house(s) could be a nice addition for kids looking to have more imaginative family play.

Please let me know how I can help — call supervisors, etc.

My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. diverting $ to Herz community garden site asap
2. 
3. 

My additional comments are: Acquire CROWN JEWEL Leland church site/ancient sand dunes/a couple of unique plants with last view from that cul-de-sac of San Bruno Mt. It is LAST CHANCE to ADD to McLaren Park instead of being 5 $1.2M mansions serving 5 families instead 200+ families to enjoy club space in church+ save the steps the public currently uses EVERY DAY
My name is: Rose Anne Harris

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My name is: Ethel Wallace

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My favorite parts of the plan include:

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My additional comments are:

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My additional comments are:
My name is: Brent Michael Ginnette

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My name is: Linda Shaffer

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My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Community Garden
2. Improvements to trails / safety
3. Improvements to picnic area

My additional comments are:

Take funding from "Gateway" already improved & shift to creating an actual Gateway from Vis Valley.
My name is: Tom Scott

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My name is: Michael Cronin

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My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Converting more than half of PW to multi-use
2. Ignoring failing paved paths
3. Any infrastructure on philosopher’s hill

My additional comments are:

Show greater imagination regarding where bikes can go, other than on philosopher’s walk.

My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Large picnic upgrades
2. JGA improvements
3. Via Valley gateway improvements

My additional comments are:

If looking for reallocation, pls consider Oxford & Via Valley. Oxford is ok, not great, for now. It can wait. Interested in future gateways.

Gateway improvements.
My name is: MARY WILLIAMS

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My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Improved signage & flow on trails & paths
2. Please find ways to protect habitat area & trail-side encasing

My additional comments are:

Please maintain & keep more of McLane's unique single-track trails along Philosopher's Way, while improving habitat & interpretive signage near trail entrances!

My favorite parts of the plan include:

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My additional comments are:

People need natural areas to explore, find adventure, & learn. Much of this plan is too developed (signs on a trail & you don't get lost?!) - This isn't natural & too constrained, leaving little opportunity for people of all ages (including children) to find adventure in nature.
My name is: Haliee Simon

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- Keep sand on playgrounds
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My name is: _M Walker_  

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My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Multihue courts (flexible)
2. Greenhouse in Visitation Valley garden
3. Crosswalks

My additional comments are:

- Please keep some

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My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Amp improvements
2. Paths resurfacing (not dirt trails)
3. Large Picnic Area improvements

My additional comments are:

* Keep horses off Philosopher's Way!
* Keep trails single/double wide that maintains the intimate character and the feeling of being emersed in nature
* Take some of trails $\text{-} \text{give to Visitation V. projects}$
My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. Connection loop trail
2. Visitation Valley Community Garden Development
3. Multiple "gates" of access development

My additional comments are:

I think funds for Garcia Amphitheater should go to Vis Valley Community Garden and gateway improvement in Vis to the McClaren.

My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. That I can have paved paths to push my grandson in stroller
2. but also have small dirt trails where I can go by myself every day
3. for cardio exercise & to have adventures

My additional comments are:

However I cannot push the stroller on the paved paths because these 50 year old paths are in such bad & dangerous condition. My husband who is in his late 70's is very scared walking on these path because of the terrible condition & he is getting poorer balance. Fix these paths we need safety.
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My name is: Lia Smith
639 Burrows St.
I understand this to be improvement to path + post holes (grading)

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My favorite parts of the plan include:

1. The bathroom at the group picnic area - long overdue
2. Roadway crossings improvements
3. Keeping McLaren Hill and balancing diverse community members (Gate access)

My additional comments are:

Add gardener to the plan as a line budget item

The idea of installing varmint abatement was not suggested. This key item is too often overlooked.

At meetings (like in national parks), receptacles were pitched. This is sense, much cheaper than picking up trash.